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2133IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Taizo Shirai, et al.  
Serial No. : 09/982,711  
Filed : October 18, 2001  
For : INFORMATION RECORDING DEVICE, INFORMATION  
PLAYBACK DEVICE, INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM,  
INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, INFORMATION  
PLAYBACK METHOD, AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM  
Examiner : Khoshnoodi, Nadia  
Art Unit : 2133

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	32	Minus	** =32	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	7	Minus	*** =7	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$360(180) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- ☐ Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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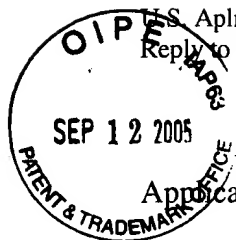
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**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 12, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on October 12, 2005. Applicants submit

herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.